

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1822 without my signature.

While I support the policy objective of conforming California's school enrollment policy to national immunization enrollment guidelines, I am concerned that the proposal would result in a reimbursable state-mandated local program with annual Proposition 98 costs of \$1.4 million. The budget does not provide funding for this purpose.

This bill would prohibit the admission of pupils transferring from other states who have not been immunized against either mumps or hepatitis B regardless of age or grade level. Most California students and all that enter in kindergarten have been immunized against these diseases and there is little risk of transmission of these diseases at school. I encourage schools to recommend to parents of students coming from other states and nations that have not already been immunized to do so and provide information on the availability of such immunizations through publicly supported medical programs.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger